

of bird's-dung fallen upon a leaf. This spider was described by H. O. FORBES in his "Wanderings of a Naturalist" and by the Rev. O. PICKARD CAMBRIDGE, in the same work. During a visit to Gunong Panti in Johor, I was pleased to meet with a species apparently of this genus, which was engaged in sucking the juice of a red bug, which it had captured. FORBES describes and figures his species as spinning a thin web upon a leaf to represent the watery portion of the excreta and then lying upon its back on the web to which it holds by some strong spines on the back of its legs, it waits for some incautious butterfly to alight on the supposed bird's dropping, when it immediately secures the prey. The specimen I found had left its web, a thin circular white film on the leaf of a wild plantain, to devour its capture. On comparing it with the descriptions above quoted, I find that, in the colouring of the body and several structural points, the Gunong Panti spider differs from FORBES' *Ornithoscatoides decipiens*, collected in Java and Sumatra, and it is probably a distinct species.

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### NOTES ON GALLUS VIOLACEUS.

In the description of *Gallus violaceus* in No. 24 of this Journal page 167 3rd line from foot of page for 'shaded' read 'shafted'

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„ 168 8th line „ 'brown' „ 'horn.'

Two more specimens (both males) of this bird have recently come under my notice. They were in the possession of a native animal dealer in Singapore but he could not give me any definite information as to where they came from. He said he thought they came from Java but was not certain and it is far more probable that they come from further east.

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